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your readers, Jesus Christ is more than father or mother, for He is God himself. You can readily understand, therefore, how we regard as nothing less than blasphemous such a misrepresentation of Christ as is now appearing in the pages of our greatest magazine. I don't register this protest in any narrow, sectarian sense, but I do resent the fact that the prestige of the magazine is being used to caricature the most sublime figure in all history.

T. G. SMITH.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SIR,—Permit me to express to you my appreciation of the remarkable work accomplished by Mary Austin in her impressive and absorbingly interesting *Life of Christ*, now appearing in the pages of *THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW*. No one who has felt the influence of the sublime figure of Jesus as he is limned for us in the Gospels can help rendering a tribute of profound admiration to Mrs. Austin for the manner in which she has accomplished her interpretation of this great subject. To present a portrait of the Man from Nazareth which is so refreshingly independent of convention, yet so deeply reverent; which succeeds in the staggering task of bringing to bear a free play of intelligence and imagination, without a suggestion of blasphemy or offense, is indeed a triumph of skill, of art, of insight and of inspiration. No one who has truly felt the spell of the personality of Christ can read this noble *Life* without profound emotion. That it will be disliked and repudiated by the narrow-minded, the spiritually myopic, and those who give ear only to "the bleat of evangelical orthodoxy," goes without saying.

I congratulate Mrs. Austin upon the splendid medium which she has been so fortunate as to secure for the publication of her views, and I congratulate your great magazine upon having secured so notable and important a feature.

H. W. RUTGERS.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

A CANDID FRIEND

SIR,—I have been a reader of your very much esteemed magazine for a few months, and in most of your editorials I am right alongside with you, especially what you have to say about the brutality of the Germans, and the Kaiser. They claim to be carrying on a holy war when there is no holiness in such a world-war as that in Europe. To think that the whole world is in danger of being overrun!

I think, though, you are too hard on Mr. Bryan. I have always been an admirer of Mr. Bryan. If any man is honest in his convictions, and thinks he is right, it is not proper to condemn him and his principles in such harsh terms. You cannot deny that most things Mr. Bryan has contended for, even though strongly opposed at first by the people, were finally demonstrated to be right after people became educated in thinking, and were able to see through the veil of darkness that obscured their mental vision. But excepting your tirade on Mr. Bryan, I am with you. But I condemn all such as Mr. Chamberlain. I don't think there is much English

blood coursing through his veins. I must say, clodhopper as I am, that THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW is a great magazine.

D. BARTLETT.

NIANGUA, MO.

FROM A NON-SMOKING ADMIRER

SIR,—I take the time to write with my own hand a personal letter to you. As an educator I want to thank you for the high type of journalism maintained by THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW. In my judgment it is second to none. It has had a long line of illustrious editors, and the present editor is worthy of his predecessors. I have just read your editorial in a recent issue on "The Duty of America." It is characteristically keen in its analysis and sound in its conclusions. The scope of subjects treated in your magazine and the class of its contributors give it permanent literary worth. In fact, I am so enthusiastic over THE NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW that I publicly recommended it in an address to our students. I am, however, rather shocked to find in a recent number of the REVIEW an advertisement of a certain cigarette. In these days when legislatures are passing laws prohibiting the use of the deadly cigarette, I am surprised to find such an advertisement in our much-esteemed REVIEW.

RICHARD R. BLEWS.

EVANSVILLE, WIS.

HE WAS REFRESHED

SIR,—Congratulations upon your article in the August issue of the REVIEW! It is refreshing. The so-called leaders of thought in America don't lead, only slobber around and apply the grand policy of "watchful waiting" to international affairs because it has worked out so beautifully in Mexico.

RODERICK H. SMITH.

DETROIT, MICH.